

WHAT I CLAIM IS:

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1. A method of making a liner for the cargo area of a vehicle comprising the steps of:
    - providing a mold;
    - spraying a base coat on the mold;
    - spraying a patterned coat on the first coating; and
    - spraying a clear coat on the patterned coat.
  2. The method of claim 1 in which the provided mold is a female mold.
  3. The method of claim 1 in which the provided mold is a male mold.
  4. The method of claim 1 which further includes the step of spraying a release agent on the mold before spraying the base coat.
  5. The method of claim 1 which further includes the steps of curing each coat after a coat is sprayed.

6. A method of making a liner comprising the steps of:  
providing a mold;  
spraying a first coat on the mold;  
spraying a patterned coat in the first coat; and  
spraying a third coat on the patterned coat.

7. The method of claim 6 in which the provided mold is a female mold, and  
the first coat is a base coat, and the third coat is a clear coat.

8. The method of claim 6 in which the provided mold is a male mold, and the  
first coat is a clear coat, and the third coat is a base coat.

9. The method of claim 6 in which the spraying the first coat includes the  
step of applying a release agent to the mold prior to spraying the first coat.

10. The method of claim 9 which further includes the step of curing each coat  
after spraying a coat.

11. A method of making a multilayer element having a patterned layer and a clear layer over the patterned layer comprising the steps of:

- providing a first mold;
- providing a first coat on the mold;
- providing a patterned second coat on the first coat;
- providing a third coat on the patterned second coat; and
- curing each coat prior to providing the next coat.

12. The method of claim 11 in which the first mold is a male mold, and the first coat is a clear coat.

13. The method of claim 11 in which the first mold is a female mold, and the third coat is a clear coat.

14. The method of claim 11 in which the first coat is sprayed on the mold.

15. The method of claim 14 in which the first coat is a base coat.

16. The method of claim 11 in which the step of providing a third coat comprises providing a film coat.

17. The method of claim 16 which further includes the step of providing a second mold, and the first mold is a lower, female, mold, and the second mold is an upper mold.

18. The method of claim 17 which further includes the step of providing heat to heat the film coat to allow the film coat to stretch.

19. The method of claim 18 which further includes the step of providing a ram in the upper mold to provide pressure on the film coat to move the film coat against the second coat.

20. The method of claim 18 which further includes the step of providing pressure in the upper mold to provide pressure on the film coat to move the film coat against the second coat.

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21. A liner for the cargo area of a vehicle comprising in combination:  
a first base layer;  
a patterned second layer; and  
a clear third layer on the patterned layer for permitting the patterned layer to be viewed.

- 22. The liner of claim 21 in which the base layer is a foam layer.
- 23. The liner of claim 21 in which the patterned layer is polychromatic.
- 24. The liner of claim 21 in which the patterned layer is monochromatic.
- 25. The liner of claim 21 in which the liner is relatively flexible.
- 26. The liner of claim 21 in which the liner is relatively inflexible.
- 27. The liner of claim 21 which includes a clear fourth layer on the clear third layer.